

Today's News - May 22, 2002

Our latest feature showcases a new exhibition at the National Building Museum: Richard Neutra's Windshield House. The only thing more tragic than the fact that the house burned down in 1973 is the current spate of demolition - or threat of demolition - of several early/mid-20th century design classics. This newsletter has been chronicling efforts to protect buildings by Frank Lloyd Wright, R.M. Schindler, Richard Neutra, and many others...a few wins here, a number of losses there, and too many draws (where the jury's still out) everywhere.

One of the most eloquent eulogies appeared in the Los Angeles Times, written by architecture critic Nicolai Ouroussoff back in April, titled "There Goes Our History" (there's a link in the feature below). It is sad to think that not too long from now our only experience with the genre could be by visiting museums and university archives...but at least we'll have that! Oh joy...

To the news...they're down to the wire about who will be leading the master planning for the World Trade Center site. The New York Times reports on the controversy(ies), and the New York Post claims "insinuations" in the Times article. It's almost a "no-win" situation for whoever wins...but there's always hope, as expressed in a thoughtful editorial in The Scotsman (yes, from Scotland).

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[Doubts on Bid Rankings Spur \[World Trade Center\] Redevelopment Review - Beyer Blinder Belle; Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects](#)- New York Times

[Opinion: Rebuilding: Survival of the Lamest? All's fair in love, war and Ground Zero rebuilding politics. - Beyer Blinder Belle](#)- New York Post

[Opinion: Now it's up to you, New York: Such is the intensity of the political and emotional impulse behind reconstruction that no expense or effort will be spared to ensure the venture's success.](#)- The Scotsman

[Ken Livingstone champions Farrell's UK National Aquarium - Terry Farrell & Partners \[image\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Lessons learned by an urban visionary: During 16 years as Indianapolis's mayor, William Hudnut acted boldly to build the city. Now he says he'd pay more attention to the 'little things.'](#)- Christian Science Monitor

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[Fedcon to build new \[international conference\] centre in Bhutan - Federation of Design and Construction Services of Thailand](#)- Bangkok Post

[The FAT house: larky postmodernism gets serious in East London. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com

[New Effort to Develop Seaport Site at South Street](#)- New York Times

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[Downtown Plan Faces County Suit: Saying the undertaking would sap needed revenue, supervisors OK suing the city. Stadium proposal could be affected.](#)- Los Angeles Times

[San Diego's High-Rise Slump Lingers](#)- New York Times

[Hugh Latta and Margaret McCurry Capture the 2002 Designer of Distinction Award](#)- ASID

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